

# ASPIRA, Inc. OF NEW JERSEY

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ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey  
Board Meeting  
November 16, 1992

## Present

Gene Calderon  
Dennis Alvarado  
Walter Oliveras (late)  
Delia Sosa  
Samuel Delgado  
Luis Santiago  
Noemi Velazquez (late)  
George Santiago  
Nancy Alejandro Dillard  
Alberto Torres (student)

## Absent

Margaret Rivera  
Elvin Crespo  
Carlos Alma  
Richard Ramirez

ASPIRA Staff: Roberto Del Rios, Acting Executive  
Director

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Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

New Board members were welcomed by Sam Delgado, who began the meeting by leading the board in self introductions.

## 1. Waiver of Notice

All Board members indicated that they were duly notified of the meeting.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Gene Calderon moved to approve the minutes with proper corrections. Luis Santiago seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

## 3. Chairperson's Report:

In Margie's absence, Sam Delgado reported to the board.



A review of all standing committees was given to orientate the new Board members.

The Board of Director's address and phone list was circulated for corrections.

Sam took a poll to see if changing the Board meeting from Monday to Tuesday was acceptable. The Board members present did not have a problem changing the meeting date. However, a final decision will not be rendered until every Board member has an opportunity to clear his or her schedule.

#### 4. Executive Director's Report:

Roberto discussed that he attended a meeting at the United Way of Essex/West Hudson. Roberto was informed to expect a 20% decrease in funding from the current grant received for 1992. Roberto informed the Board that this is the second decrease in two years from United Way. In total ASPIRA may lose \$37,000.00 over a two year period.

Roberto presented the United Way budget request for 1993. Luis Santiago moved to accept the United Way budget request. Dennis Alvarado seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roberto informed the Board that the Community Development Block Grant Proposal is due to the City of Newark on December 31, 1992. This is the same proposal that was submitted to the city last year for \$200,000 and was not funded. Meetings will need to be scheduled with a number of the city's councilman to seek their support to push our proposal through.

Roberto informed the Board that results for a Union reflect a 7 to 6 vote in favor of the union. However, 2 votes were challenged and were not counted. At this point the attorneys (Grotta, Glassman, and Hoffman) will inform Roberto of the agency's options and the cost involved.

Roberto shared with the Board that he will be on a Panel Discussion with Dr. David Abalos and Dr. Hilda Hildaigo on Friday, November 20th at UMDNJ. The topic of discussion is "The Future of Latino Youth". Roberto will send all Board members further information regarding the time and location of this activity.

#### 5. Search Committee Report - Dennis Alvarado

Closed Session

6. Development Committee Report - Sam Delgado

Sam informed the Board that he spoke with Ozzie Cano of PSE&G. Mr. Cano indicated that PSE&G was interested in allocating funds for the production of a video on Antonia Pantoja. A range of funding from \$5,000-10,000 will be made available. A small proposal and budget needs to be submitted.

Ray Barreto Dance: Two outstanding bills.

- AT&T \$100.
- Anheuser-Busch \$200.

7. Personal Committee Report

No report given

8. Program Committee -

ASPIRA Student Advisory Board Report - Alberto Torres reported that the ASAB held their first meeting on November 14th. The Student Board primarily discussed expectations for the coming year and strategies to increase the participation at County Board meetings.

9. Task Force Committee - No report

10. Old Business

Board were reminded to bring a black and white picture of themselves along with a one paragraph personal history. Sam indicated that he will bring in his polaroid camera to the next meeting.

New Business:

At the next Board meeting, Roger Masch will be giving the audit report.

Walter Oliveras moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Alvarado seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

## TASK FORCE COMMITTEE REPORT

### OBJECTIVE:

To advocate in the local, county and state government in order to promote ASPIRA and secure financial or in kind resources.

### ISSUES:

To create a vehicle to facilitate ASPIRA's lobbying efforts in the government.

To identify grants and/or funds through contacts and obtaining a supporter in the system to facilitate proposals.

To promote the public image of ASPIRA by establishing an association with public officials.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

In order to address these issues some form of reciprocity by both parties is needed. Although ASPIRA cannot endorse any candidate or public official, we can become political and maintain a nonpartisan status. The term political means to establish a community power base where ASPIRA can mobilize the community via voter registration, voter rights, voter and government political structure education. By using this method of political action we can ease the process of governmental bureaucracy to push our issues.